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Mr. John M. Mann,
Commissioner Public Utilities,
Portland, Oregon.

The Free Dispensary is the most deserving of consideration from the City administration of any of the branches of the City Government. It takes care of a class of people which has no money and many of whom are lacking in intelligence if they had money.

The Dispensary was allowed but \$600 with which to conduct its affairs this year. This amount will accomplish absolutely nothing, the rent alone being that much. Unless more money is given them immediately it would be advisable to withdraw the \$600 as any good it might do would be "nil" simply covering the rent. This amount could better be saved to the taxpayers.

I have checked over the report made out by Miss Prichard and I feel if they are granted the \$1850 which they ask for that they are not getting the amount of support such a work should receive. In all large cities the Free Dispensaries are the places that stand between the poor and sickness and the grave.

If any thing can be done to help this Dispensary it should be done at once.

Respectfully,

City Health Officer.